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Gentlemen

This correspondence is being forwarded to your agencies to status the progress of the Draft Pond Water Management Interim Measures/Interim Remedial Action (IM/IRA) Decision Document

The Department of Energy/Rocky Flats Office (DOE/RFO) scheduled a meeting with your agencies on Tuesday, December 21, 1993, to discuss the Draft Pond Water Management IM/IRA Decision Document. The purpose of the meeting was to determine an approach to clarify and resolve comments on the IM/IRA, and to determine the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit coordination with the IM/IRA and the current NPDES permit status. Bob Shankland, of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Water Management Division, provided an initial overview of the content of the Draft NPDES permit. Questions and further clarification of some of the NPDES issues were fielded by Mr Shankland. DOE/RFO began with an initial approach to comment resolution by proposing that comments related to the NPDES permit be placed aside until the NPDES permit was released for draft comment. The EPA Rocky Flats Project representative disagreed with RFO's concerns, and immediately terminated further discussions. The Colorado Department of Health (CDH) staff concurred with EPA's stance.

DOE feels that the nature of the agencies' comments will require regular discussion and negotiation to reach a mutual resolution. DOE/RFO is willing to do its part in moving forward with this IM/IRA process through regular meetings. As comments get resolved and the draft NPDES permit is released, DOE/RFO and your agencies will be able to mutually discuss milestone dates. DOE/RFO reaffirms its position that this IM/IRA is inter-related with the NPDES permit, and their outcome must be consistent.

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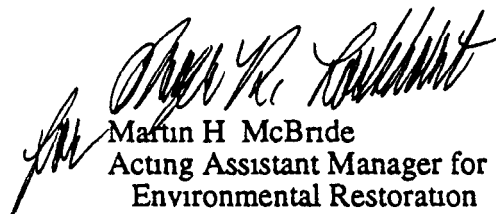
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DOE/RFO is currently scheduling a meeting with your agencies to clarify comments that are not NPDES related. We appreciate your agency's time and effort in meeting with us in order to move forward on this IM/IRA.

Contact Norma I Castaneda at 966-4226, Jen Pepe at 966-2184, or Gail Hill at 966-3424 if you should have any questions regarding this pond water IM/IRA.

Sincerely,


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